

Vessel Swing Radius, Scope = 1.5

Anchor line length and vessel swing radius calculated as follows:

Measured depths were adjusted by adding an assumed 1 foot depth-finder transducer offset and the tidal height for each buoy site.

Using tide data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration website (<http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>), depth relative to the tidal datums was corrected for each buoy using the following datum information:

Station:	9446484	12.39 Mean Higher-High Water (MHHW)
Name:	Tacoma, WA	0.58 Mean Lower-Low Water (MLLW)
Units:	Feet	0.00 Station Datum
Tidal Epoch:	1983-2001	15.15 Highest Observed Water Level (EHT)
		-4.11 Lowest Observed Water Level (ELT)

The extremes were then used to find anchor line length and swing radius by the following formulas:

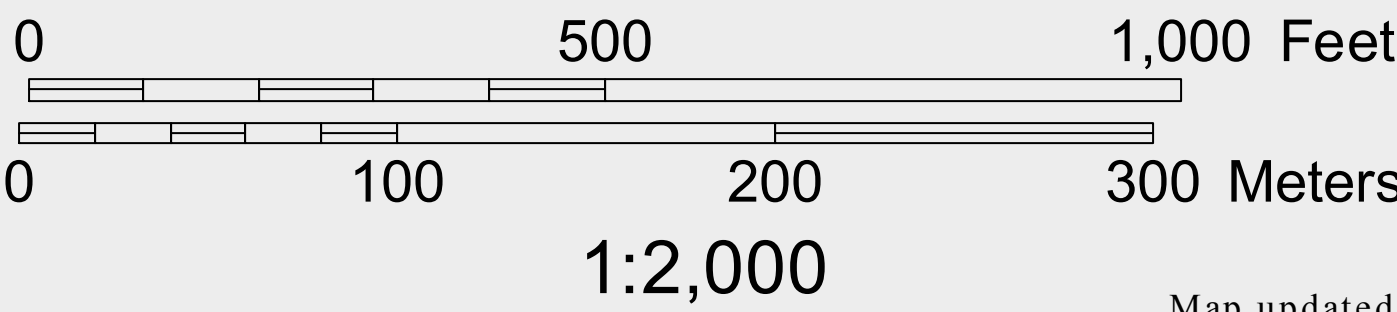
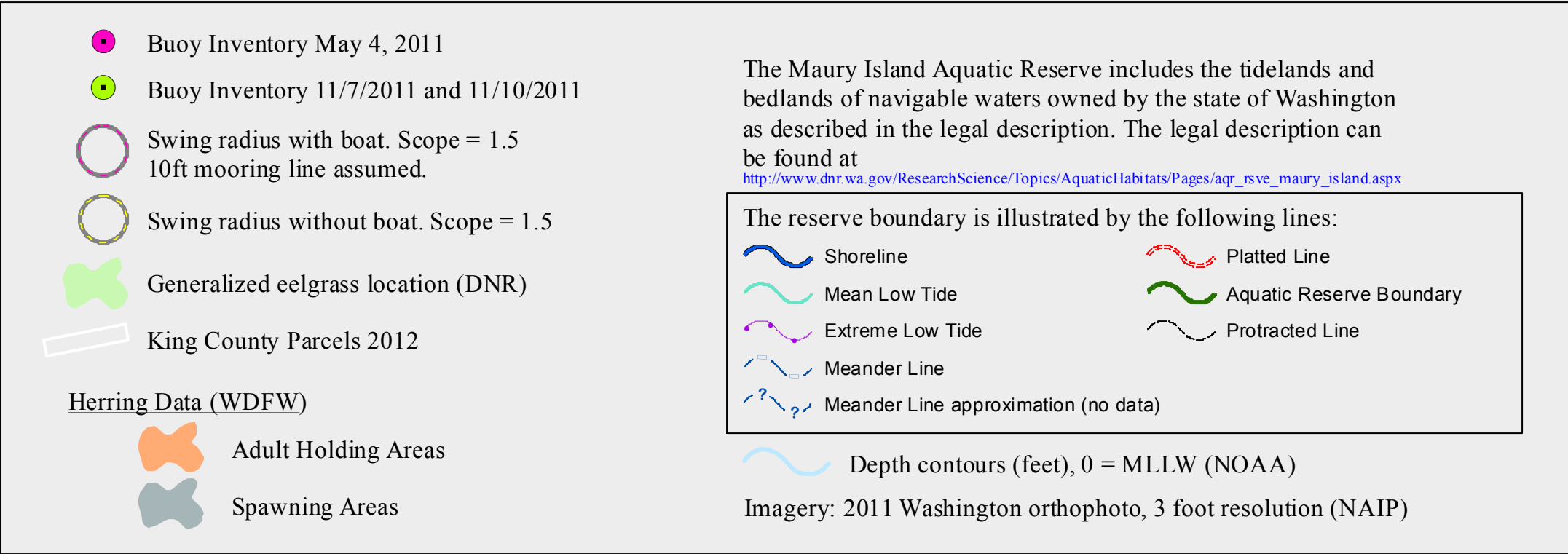
Anchor line length (L) = SCOPE x EHT where SCOPE is the ratio of anchor line length to water depth. Washington State Parks recommends a scope between 4 and 7 feet of anchor line for every foot of water depth. SCOPE = 1.5 was used in these calculations.

Swing Radius = $\sqrt{(L^2) - (ELT^2)}$ + mooring line (10ft assumed) + vessel length

These formulas are described in the brochure: "How to Moor Your Boat On State-Owned Aquatic Lands"

These results are based on Tacoma tide data and an assumed 1 foot depth-finder transducer offset. Various sources of error including tide prediction error and variation in the position of the depth sounder relative to the mooring buoy anchor are not considered here.

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